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# REPORTS

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

COMMITTEE ON TOWN LIBRARY,

TOWN TREASURER,

AND SELECTMEN,

OF THE

TOWN OF PETERBORO',

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1858.

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PETERBOROUGH,

TRANSCRIPT OFFICE --- K. C. SCOTT, PRINTER,  
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## SCHOOL REPORT.

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THE School Superintendent having attended to his duty, respectfully submits the following Report to the Town of Peterborough:

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*School Superintendent:*

**DANIEL B. CUTTER.**

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*Prudential Committees:*

Dist. No. 1, Joseph H. Ames.	Dist. No. 6, Timothy L. Hovey.
" " " John N. Thayer.	" " 7, Francis Cragin, Jr.
" " " Thomas Little.	" " 8, John Averill.
" " 2, John Langley.	" " 9, John H. Steele.
" " 3, John Little.	" " 11, Warren Nichols.
" " 5, John Stuart.	" " 12, Preston R. Davis.

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*Teachers of Summer Schools:*

District No. 1, PHYLINDA C. SCOTT, *Peterborough.*

- " " " AUGUSTA F. AMES,
- " " " HENRIETTA F. BREED,
- " " " 2, ALMEDA S. UPTON,
- " " " 3, HENRIETTA PIPER, *Dublin.*
- " " " 5, NELLIE MORRISON, *Peterborough.*
- " " " 6, ABBY J. BOUTWELL, *Greenfield.*
- " " " 7, M. A. LEBOQUET,
- " " " 8, E. MARIA COREY, *Dublin.*
- " " " 9, SARAH E. FROST, *Peterborough.*

*Teachers of Winter Schools:*

District No. 1, CHARLES WILDER, *Peterborough.*  
 " " " GEORGE D. CHAPMAN, *Windsor.*  
 " " " AUGUSTA F. AMES, *Peterborough.*  
 " " " HENRIETTA F. BREED, "  
 " " 2, HARRISON D. EVANS, *Townsend, Mass.*  
 " " 3, SARAH E. ROBBINS, *Jaffrey.*  
 " " 5, MARY L. MCCOY, *Peterborough.*  
 " " 6, CAROLINE SPOFFORD, "  
 " " 7, S. N. BARTLETT, *Townsend, Mass.*  
 " " 8, MARY L. DENNIS, *Hancock.*  
 " " 9, E. B. KNIGHT, *New London.*  
 " 11, ABBIE J. CLARK, *Peterborough.*  
 " 12, LOUISA DAY, "

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*Text Books.*

New Testament, American School Reader, Town's Series of Readers, North American Spelling Book, Well's Grammar, Adams', Colburn's and Emerson's Arithmetic, Smith's Quarto and Primary Geography, Day's Algebra, Cutter's Physiology, Adams' Book-keeping, Worcester's Dictionary.

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THE Summer Schools were examined at the commencement and close by the Superintendent. The teachers were generally very successful in discipline and instruction, though not all in the same degree. The best taught school was in district No. 9. The schools in districts No. 1, 3 and 7, were highly meritorious. The Winter Schools were not so uniformly successful, the jarring elements of discord that always poison progress in well doing, disturbed the peace and harmony of some of the schools.— Nothing serious however occurred, except in district No. 7, where the conduct of two scholars rendered their dismissal necessary. The school afterward made tolerable progress, and appeared very well at the examination. The schools taught by females were all successful. The schools particularly meritorious, were those in districts No. 1 and 3.

The Prudential Committees in most of the districts, have discharged their duty faithfully, and visited the schools with the Superintendent. The school houses in the several districts in town, are in good condition, and generally well fitted for the purpose intended. District No. 6 has, during the past year, moved and fitted up their house in a manner creditable to themselves.

There is a general deficiency in all the districts of school apparatus, excepting black boards; and in all but two of the districts, of outline maps. There is in each school, a map of the United States. It would seem then that the town is well provided with all the requisites of good schools so far as good houses, plenty of money, and teachers are concerned; and there can be no good reason why we should not have good schools. In order to have them, it is necessary that every parent should do his duty. At the annual meeting, each member of the district should attend, and select the best man for a school committee; one who will take an interest in the matter, and be faithful in the discharge of his duty; who will employ such teachers as the good of the district requires; visit the school, carefully ascertain its wants, learn if there is any thing wrong in its management, and correct all evils in their commencement. The parents should also visit the school themselves, and there learn from their own observation, what there is of right and wrong, of good or bad in the school; not so much with a view to learn the faults of their neighbor's children, but the faults of their own, and, having learned them, they should do all in their power to correct them. The children of those parents who are always finding faults in their neighbor's, are seldom corrected themselves. Let them first remove the beam from their own eyes before they undertake to remove motes from their neighbor's. The great difficulty in the management of our schools, arises in a great measure from a want of right management at home.—The stern moral discipline of our fathers has been abandoned, the rod has been spared, and the child spoiled. Disobedience, insubordination and falsehood are the fruit.

Wrestling and playful scuffling at recess in our schools, is too often supplanted by shameful quarrels and fights. The baser propensities of our nature, like so many tares, have outgrown the wheat, and the better principles of our nature are trampled under foot. The power within characterizes the man, and

whether he is a good or a bad man, depends upon the possession and cultivation of his moral faculties. This has an important bearing not only upon the future happiness of the individual, but upon the good of our country. The ability of a people to govern themselves, depends upon their virtue and intelligence. Knowledge gives a man power to act: virtue gives a right direction to that action. If the standard of morals stand high, wars and fighting will cease, crime will diminish, schools and seminaries of learning will multiply, and the country become prosperous, and the people happy. On the contrary, as the standard is lowered will become a necessity for severe penal laws, a strong and despotic government, supported by a military force. Instead of raising monies for the support of schools, you will be required to raise it for the support of armies, and our beloved country, instead of being dotted over with those little seminaries of learning, (the district schools,) will be covered with military barracks, penitentiaries and prisons, and our government will be changed from a republic to a military despotism.

D. B. CUTTER, *Sup'g Sch. Com.*

TABLE FOR SUMMER SCHOOLS.

Districts,	1	1	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	11	12
	1	2	3									
Length of schools in weeks,	11	11	11	12	10	6	10	10	13	9		
Wages of teacher per month, including board,	\$20	18	16	14	16	12	12	14	19	9	33	
Whole number of scholars,	42	49	47	35	26	10	31	19	39	15		
Males,	14	21	22	17	10	4	12	4	18	7		
Females,	28	28	25	18	16	6	19	15	21	8		
Average attendance,	35	43	38	27	22	8	20	16	33	12		
No. of scholars between 4 & 16 att'g 2 weeks,	42	49	47	34	26	7	28	18	58	15		
Number over 16,	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	1	0		
Number of tardinesses,	14	24	59	91	62	48	41	45	16	39		
Number of dismissals,	0	6	17	28	17	6	9	0	5	5		
Number not absent,	10	11	2	3	0	2	2	2	0	0		
Number of visitors,	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	32	23		
Number of visits by Superintending Com.,	91	142	140	43	42	15	30	4	2	2		
Number of visits by Prudential Committee,	7	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0		

TABLE FOR WINTER SCHOOLS.

Districts,	1	2	1	2	3	4	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	11	12
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11	11	10	12	10	8	10	12	12	11			
Wages of teacher per month including board,	\$40	33	17	15	33	26	20	31	17	39	14	10			
Whole number of scholars,	64	59	51	52	46	45	21	29	10	54	11	7			
Males,	29	24	22	27	25	27	15	13	6	28	7	4			
Females,	35	35	29	25	21	18	6	16	4	26	4	3			
Average attendance,	54	46	34	39	39	42	17	24	9	47	8	6			
Number between 4 and 16,	19	57	51	52	36	35	14	18	7	50	7	6			
Number over 16,	45	2	0	0	10	10	7	11	3	4	4	1			
Number of tardinesses,	59	89	14	51	23	61	50	43	22	108	28	22			
Number dismissed,	345	121	8	13	89	9	9	40	1	0	0	20			
Number not absent,	10	6	5	2	4	20	2	20	45	37					
Number of visitors,	188	107	136	106	38	99	24	4	2	2	2	0			
Number of visits by Superintending Com.,	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	0	1	4	1	4			
Number by Prudential Committee,	50	4	2	6	0	0	1	0	1	4	1	4			

## LIBRARY REPORT.

THE undersigned, having been appointed a Committee to superintend the Town Library for the current year, have attended to that duty, and submit the following report:

BOOKS.—We have added to the Library during the year 53 volumes, 6 of which are public documents, furnished by the New Hampshire delegation in Congress. Number of volumes lost, 7. The volumes lost are:—Book of Indians, No. 135; Mother's Book, 400; Good Housekeeper, 467; Hope on, Hope ever, 1166; Philip Randolph, 1169; Orphan Sisters, 1170; Jane Taylor, 1232.

The Committee, in accordance with a vote of the town, have made out and published an alphabetical catalogue of all the books in the Library, and re-arranged the books upon the shelves. The Library now appears in better condition than at any former time. There are now enough catalogues in the hands of the Librarian to supply all who may desire them.

### *Financial Account.*

Received of former Committee, April 1, 1857,	\$47 86
Received of Librarian, March 5, 1858,	1 26
	— \$49 12
Paid for books, March 25, 1857,	\$41 19
Paid for binding, June 8, 1857,	5 87
Paid express, March 8, 1857,	75
	— \$47 81
Balance,	\$1 31
Received of Town Treasurer,	45 00
Now in the hands of Committee,	\$46 31

The Committee commend the Librarian, Miss Susan Gates, for the faithful discharge of her duties, with the exception that the books lost were not charged.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. SCOTT,  
E. M. TUBBS,  
N. D. STOODLEY, } *Library Committee.*



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Town of Peterborough in Acct. with S. H. Caldwell, Treasurer.  
Credit.*

Paid State Tax,	\$569 10
" County Tax,	1005 12
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	<i>Roads and Bridges.</i>
To paid John Smith,	\$18 95
" John Stuart,	31 16
" Cyrus Frost,	32 25
" James Wilson,	15 00
" George Shedd,	41 05
" W. C. Gray,	35 46
" Jones Dodge,	29 30
" Ebenezer Fairbanks,	52 25
" S. B. & H. Piper,	14 68
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	\$1574 22

To paid C. H. Brooks,	47 00
" N. H. Moore,	50 33
" J. H. Steele & G. H. Longley,	100 00
" Asa Davis,	73 03
" James Scott,	66 96
" Albert Frost,	32 99
" William S. Smith,	16 25
" John Parker,	10 77
" John Langley,	15 37
" Samuel Miller,	11 75
" James G. White,	14 83
" Asa Davis,	10 45
" Samuel Miller,	14 72
" Cyrus Blanchard,	13 28
" Joseph Davis,	16 25
" Albert Smith, 2d.,	12 00
" Leonard Nahor,	17 90
" Noah Smith,	11 50
" Benjamin Brackett,	76 58
" Jesse Miller,	23 71
" Calvin M. Leathers,	29 29
" Asa Carley,	10 88
" Joseph B. Pierce,	11 75
" J. D. White,	3 00
" Abiel Sawyer,	5 25
" William Puffer,	3 60
" Thomas McCoy,	80
" John H. Steele,	5 67
" Alvah Spofford,	3 15
" Ebenezer Fairbanks,	1 00
" Norton Hunt,	7 00
" Ebenezer Perry,	2 00
" Cyrus Osborne,	5 00
" Franklin Mears,	2 00
" Nathan Bailey,	5 00
" Cyrus E. Partridge,	1 50
" William M. White,	2 25
" S. R. Farwell,	6 00
" David M. Cavender,	1 51
" William Stearns,	1 25
" Timothy Farnsworth,	4 37
" N. B. Buss,	3 75
" William Ward,	.2 25
" David Blanchard,	3 92
" John Upton,	4 00
" Watson Washburn,	2 70
" Charles Steele,	2 00
" Joseph Upton,	6 25
" Thomas Upton,	2 82

To paid D. Melvin,	1 00
" Christopher Decker,	1 87
" William S. Smith,	4 00
" Josiah S. Morrison,	9 59
" Thomas Scott,	3 00
" Eri Spaulding,	2 50
" Daniel Edes, Jr.,	2 25
" John T. Spofford,	2 50
" James Howe,	5 00
" John D. Holmes,	1 37
" German Day,	3 00
" Charles Bruce,	3 75
" Benjamin Crosby,	4 00
" E. B. Kimball,	1 13
" James Nay,	1 25
" Franklin Field,	3 50
" Eri Spaulding,	5 91
" Samuel Cudworth,	1 25
" William Town,	5 50
" H. D. Washburn,	4 75
" Joshua Bailey,	3 00
" William P. Smith,	3 84
" Leonard Winch,	5 06
" Palmer D. Brown,	2 50
" Samuel Cannon,	5 00
" T. P. Ames,	3 98
" C. W. Leathers,	9 48
" G. L. Robbins,	2 00
" Jonathan S. Bowers,	2 00
" Daniel B. Willoby,	2 00
" James Nichols,	1 20
" Lewis Partridge,	2 60
" John Vose,	6 33
" John C. Barry,	64 13
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	\$1225 97

Paid Croydon D. Keyes, for new road,

\$550 00

<i>For Debts Paid.</i>	
Paid John Cummings's note,	\$317 50
" Benjamin Osmore, note,	415 83
" Adam Penniman, note,	133 64
" Peterborough Bank,	353 87
" Moses Wilkins, on his note,	500 00
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	\$1720 84

*Poor and Poor Farm.*

To paid Goodyear Bassett, one year's salary,	\$250 00
" Town of Claremont, Bowers family,	50 92
" Asa Davis, goods for Robbe,	8 16
" James Scott, goods & wood for Robbe,	21 96

To paid Isaac Edes, goods for Robbe,	59
" Estate of S. P. Steele, rent of house	18 75
" for Mrs. Blair,	7 35
" Asa Davis's bill of expenses to Concord with Swan,	7 35
" N. H. Asylum for Insane, for board of W. A. Swan,	41 25
" Wm. Follansbee, med. & attendance,	3 65
" D. B. Cutter, " " "	50
" Ira Forbush, for father,	20 00
" Town of Dublin, tax on farm,	4 32
" J. C. Barry, bill of labor on farm,	58 38
" Goodyear Bassett, balance on acct.,	54 78
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	\$540 61

*For Schools.*

Paid District, No. 1,	\$604 63	Paid Ruel Richardson,	\$2 41
" " " 2,	139 99	" Dan'l McClenning,	2 32
" " " 3,	138 99	" Zebediah Peavey,	3 98
" " " 5,	83 17	" David B. Cavender,	2 38
" " " 6,	108 87	" Ebenezer Perry,	56
" " " 7,	122 06	" Teacher's Institute,	32 52
" " " 8,	53 21	" D. B. Cutter, S. S.	
" " " 9,	205 80	" Committee,	30 00
" " " 11,	70 73	" Town Library,	45 00
" " " 12,	32 83		<hr/>
			\$1679 45

*Abatements.*

For the year 1852,	\$4 72	For K. C. Scott,	\$0 60
For 1853,	8 63	For Thomas Upton,	1 44
For 1854,	8 59	For Elijah Washburn,	2 00
For 1855,	36 03	For Levi Nichols,	1 20
For 1856,	67 75	For Leander Clark,	22
For Wm. Follansbee, 1857,	3 00	For Nelly Patten,	1 80
For Stephen Felt,	" 3 10	For John D. Diamond,	1 31
For Peterboro' Farm,	21 18	For Samuel Holmes,	6 00
For A. F. Gowing,	60	For Samuel T. Weston,	1 44
For Samuel Fisk,	1 20		<hr/>
			\$170 81

*For Incidentals.*

Paid Rufus Forbush, services as Town Clerk,	\$24 07
" Joseph Cram, tolling bell,	12 00
" James Scott, services as Selectman,	67 17
" Asa Davis, services as Selectman,	48 75
" Albert Frost, services as Selectman,	39 00
" Joseph H. Ames, as Sexton,	47 23
" Susan Gates, as Librarian,	30 00
" David Smiley, taking care Town Clock,	25 40
" Isaac F. Preston, taking care of Fire Engine,	20 20

Paid Joseph H. Ames, for repairing Hearse,	11 85
“ Isaac F. Preston, for members of Engine Company,	27 00
“ K. C. Scott, town & school reports and catalogue,	58 50
“ E. S. Cutter, bill for services,	12 25
“ A. S. Scott, for re-arranging catalogue,	5 00
“ D. B. Cutter, for returning births and deaths,	3 10
“ Albert Smith, for returning births and deaths,	1 65
“ Buss & Rourke,	6 31
“ Whitcomb French, for use of rooms, &c.,	3 62
“ Thayer & Buckminster, for meal,	7 25
“ John Smith, 2d., for castings,	1 24
“ William M. White, land damages,	1 00
“ Josiah S. Morrison, land damages,	2 00
“ D. B. Cutter, as Auditor,	1 00
“ C. G. Cheney, as Auditor,	1 00
“ Abiel Sawyer, as Auditor,	1 00
“ John Kingsley,	2 00
“ James Scott, freight on State Arms,	3 75
“ Henry Steele, postage,	12
“ K. C. Scott, publishing notice,	75
“ Charles McCoy, Pest House,	25 00
“ Thomas Little, services,	12 50
“ S. H. Caldwell, for services as Treasurer,	35 00
“ Mrs. Hannah Scott, by vote of the town,	10 00
“ John N. Thayer, for collecting,	20 02
“ J. D. Diamond, enrolling soldiers,	5 00
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	\$571 73

*Recapitulation. - - - Cr.*

By balance in Treasury,	1359 08
Received of county for paupers,	32 13
Cash borrowed Peterboro' Bank,	350 00
Literary Fund,	160 40
Cash received John N. Thayer, collector,	400 43
From taxes for year 1857,	5646 42
Outstanding taxes, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856,	125 65
Received for use Town House,	2 00
Received Railroad tax,	30 16
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	\$8106 27

*Debt.*

Paid State Tax, 1857,	\$569 10
“ County Tax, “	1005 12
“ for Roads & Bridges,	1225 97
“ “ New Road,	550 00
“ “ Town Debt,	1720 84
“ “ Poor & Poor Farm,	540 61
“ “ School Money,	1679 45
“ “ Abatement of Taxes,	170 81

Paid for Incidentals,	571 73
Money in the Treasury, Mar. 1858,	72 64
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	\$8106 27

*Town Liabilities.*

Due Nancy Wilkins on Note,	637 83
Due Goodyear Bassett one year's salary,	275 00
Due Asa Davis salary as Liquor Agent,	120 00
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	\$1032 83

*Assets.*

Cash in Treasury,	72 64
Uncollected Taxes of 1857,	414 55
Cash and Liquor in hands of Agent,	215 94
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	\$703 13

Balance against Town, \$329 70

S. H. CALDWELL, *Treasurer.*

Peterborough, March 2, 1858.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of Accounts, have this day examined the foregoing Report of the Treasurer, and find the Account correctly cast and fully vouched.

ASA F. GOWING,  
E. S. CUTTER,  
JOSEPH NOONE, } AUDITORS.

Peterborough, March 2, 1858.

*Liquor Agency.*

Liquor on hand March, 1857,	100 00
Interest on the same,	6 00
Agent's Salary,	120 00
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	\$226 00

*Credit.*

Liquor on hand March, 1858,	101 21
Cash in Agent's hands,	114 73
Depreciation on Porter and Ale,	10 06
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	\$226 00

ASA DAVIS, *Agent.*

Peterborough, March 2, 1858.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF THE POOR FARM.

	<i>Stock - - - Cr.</i>
1 Pr. Oxen,	\$135 00
1 " 5 year old Cattle,	100 00
8 Cows,	284 00
1 Bull,	20 00
3 three year old Steers,	65 00
3 Yearling Heifers,	54 00
	\$903 25

### *Produce, Provisions and Lumber.*

15½ Tons first quality English Hay,	\$139 50	160 lbs. Dried Apple,	10 02
16 tons 2d quality Eng. Hay,	120 00	18 " " Pumpkin,	1 08
10 tons Meadow Hay,	47 00	33½ " Candles,	4 35
1 ton Oat Straw,	6 00	33 " Tallow,	3 30
26 bush. Corn,	26 00	57 " Lard,	7 98
111 " Oats,	49 95	53 " Beef,	4 24
11½ " Barley,	8 62	150 " Cheese,	10 50
9½ " Rye,	10 69	25 " Sausages,	2 80
6 " White Beans,	10 50	40 " Butter,	7 60
2 " Red Eyed Beans,	3 00	14 quarts Salt,	25
Lot Pickles,	50	½ bbl. Flour,	4 00
3 bush. Carrots,	75	6 bbls. Apples,	9 00
2 " Turnips,	33	100 bush. Potatoes,	42 00
2½ bbls. Soap,	9 00	1 bbl. Cider,	2 00
437 lbs. Salt Pork,	52 44	4 gallons. Apple Sauce,	1 33
250 " Hams,	25 00	325 lbs. Salt Beef,	21 12
4 gallons. Vinegar,	67	2 gallons. Boiled Cider,	68
17½ lbs. Woolen Yarn,	17 25	8 yds. Sheeting,	80
5 yds. Full Cloth,	5 00	22 pr. Socks,	8 36
5 " Frocking,	2 90	5 M. Shingles,	10 00
650 ft. Lumber,	4 50	1 pr. Sled Runners and Joist,	1 50
			\$692 51

By Farm as appraised March 1st, 1858,	\$3466 94
By Tools " " " "	128 68
By Stock " " " "	903 25
By Produce, Provisions and Lumber,	692 51
By Simeon Forbush for Produce,	20 00
By Labor of Oxen on the Roads,	21 87

By John Langley's Bill due the Farm,	7 50
By John A. Bullard's Bill due the Farm for Lumber,	3 64

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\$5244 39

*Dr.*

Farm as appraised March 1st 1857,	\$3466 94
Tools " " " " "	119 39
Interest on the Farm and Tools 1857,	222 31
Stock on the Farm 1857,	952 40
Produce, Provisions and Lumber, 1857,	755 02
Amount due Superintendent April 1st, 1858,	275 00
John C. Barry labor on Farm,	57 38
Amount due Goodyear Bassett ballance of his account	54 79
Town of Dublin, Tax for 1857,	4 33

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\$5907 56

Amount of Debt,	\$5907 56
Amount of Credit,	5244 39

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Ballance against the Town,      \$663 17

The whole number of Paupers on the Farm March 1st, 1858, was 12. The number supported during the year was 9, with the addition of one 10 weeks.

The above Report is respectfully submitted,

JAMES SCOTT, { Selectmen  
ASA DAVIS, { of  
ALBERT FROST, { Peterboro'



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